

# BONSAI NEWS & NOTES

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# **Club Happenings**

Please sign up for host and tokonoma. This is the only way we can have snacks at each meeting and distribute the logistics evenly among the members. If you do not have appropriate trees, accent plants, stones or backdrops for the tokonoma, ask one of the older members to assist you. Most of them have the necessary materials to make a good looking tokonoma.

# Club Library

Take advantage of the club library. There are wonderful bonsai books with beautiful pictures for examples to style bonsai and more advice than you can use in a lifetime. New books and CD's have been added to the club library so check them out.

A new maple book, The Gardeners Guide to Growing Maples, has been donated to the library by the Pickers and will be available for checkout as soon as it is catalogued. Our thanks to Fran and Nancy for the wonderful donation.

## October - Fall is Here by Lee Vanderpool

First few days of fall and you can barely tell that it is not the middle of summer. Trees still need to be watered daily and, if there is a dry wind blowing, possibly twice a day. You should have cut back on fertilizing

#### Haiku

October is here again,

And thickly lies the morning dew

Upon both hill and pain.

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your bonsai by now except a half strength application of 0-10-10 on pines and junipers. The needled trees never really go dormant here and require feeding even in the coldest of times along the coast. Begin putting your tropical away for the winter - on chilly nights (below 50 degrees F) bring into a garage or sheltered back porch. Buttonwoods are especially sensitive to cool temperatures and will begin to shed leaves at temperatures below 50 degrees. If most tropical get too cold, they will drop their leaves but will rebound if put into a warm sheltered area for a few days. Better not to take chances, though. Junipers can be repotted now but be sure not to disturb the root system too much. Check for insect damage to your trees. Fall is the prime time for caterpillars to chew away on new foliage before beginning to spin their cocoons and go into winter rest. Check for leaf damage every few days and use the proper control for the insect that is munching on your trees. Now is the time to begin preparing for next spring by cleaning your benches, mixing soil, cleaning pots and all those other mundane chores that come along with this wonderful hobby!

# Fort Walton Beach Bonsai Society

Visit the Club website for more information.



## Dates to Remember:

# 2016

#### October 4

Program will be members comments on bald cypress. Fabians will have a short series of slides and members with cypress should bring them to discuss.

#### October 20

Jim VanLandingham will host a workshop. Jim works on any species of tree. Club will provide snacks.

#### November 12

Russell Coker will host a workshop. Russell will style trees of any sort, especially likes azaleas.

#### Meetings:

Fort Walton Beach Society – 1st Tuesdays and 3rd Thursdays, County Extension Building, 127 Hollywood Blvd, Board Meeting at 7 PM, Membership Meeting at 7:30 PM.

Hama Matsu: One day a month at a members home.

Pensacola Gulf Coast Bonsai

Society:

2nd Thursday, Pensacola Garden Center, 1850 9th Ave, Board Meeting at 7 PM, membership Meeting at 7:30 PM.

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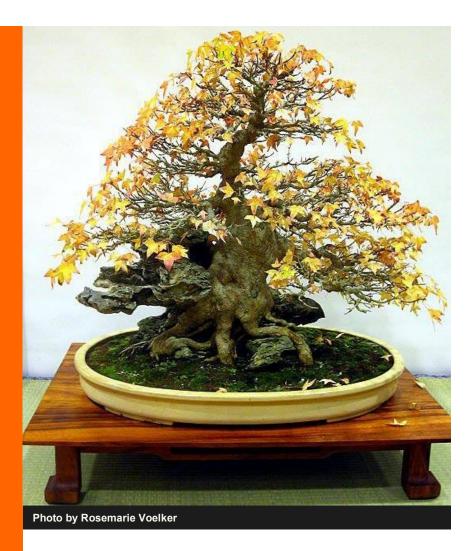
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